took very keen interest, as President of the Town Formation Committee, in the reconstruction of the Krishnarajanagara Town and that in Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar the people had a very kind and sympathetic officer. As regards the two non-official gentlemen, he stated that *Rao Bahadur* M. C. Ranga Iyengar was a leading advocate of over 40 years' standing and a gentleman who commanded great respect at the hands of the people. Mr. Haji Mahomed Mustapha Sahib was a leading businessman of Kolar who was noted for his liberal outlook and philanthropy. The speaker said he had great pleasure in congratulating all these gentlemen and he wished them long life and prosperity.

**Mr. H. K. MADIAH** offered the congratulations of the House to Mr. B. M. Srikantiah, who was whole-heartedly working for the advancement of Kannada literature, on being the recipient of the title of *Rajasevasakta*.

**Rajasevaprasakta B. T. KESAVAIENGAR** thanked Mr. Bale Siddalinga Setty for the kind sentiments expressed by him.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*concld.*

### Khadi Production.

*Q.*—45. **Messrs. Venkalpathi THIMMIAH** and **Patel MALLAPPA** (Chitaldrug Taluk); **T. SHADAKSHARAPPA** and **D. SIVASANKARIAH** (Challakere Taluk); **K. KENCHAPPA** and **B. SITHARAMIAH** (Hiriyur Taluk); **GOWDA ESWARAPPA** of Dogganal and **GOWDA ESWARAPPA** (Holalkere Taluk); **Patel CHENNAPPA** and **GOWDA SIVAPPA** (Davangere Taluk); **Patti BASAPPA** and **KAMAREDDI MALLAPPA** (Molakalmuru Taluk); **J. S. MAHALINGAPPA** and **MALKAPPA** (Jagalur Taluk); **Alampalli NANJUNDA SETTY** and **P. S. DORASWAMI NAIDU** (Hosadurga Taluk); **BASAPPA** *alias* **ROGAPPA** (Harihar Sub-Taluk); **M. GURUSIDDAPPA** (Davangere Municipality); **MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB** (Harihar Municipality); **C. H. ABDUL RAZAK, SYED MOHIDEEN HUSSAIN** and **A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK** (Minorities); **S. RANGA RAO** (Chitaldrug Municipality).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact, that a publication called "The Mysore Bulletin" is being issued by the Government Publicity Office;

(*b*) whether it is published therein that the production of khadi is undertaken by Government;

(*c*) the value of khadi produced in centres established by Government annually since 1935;

(*d*) the cost of khadi purchased by Government since 1935 out of the quantity produced;

(*e*) the total cost of cloth purchased by Government in all its branches since 1935 (details to be furnished yearwar)?

*A.*—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) Please see statement attached (*vide* Appendix).

(*e*)—

| Year | No. of Yards | Value Rs. a p. |
|---|---|---|
| 1935-36 ... | 90,672 | 33,963 0 5 |
| 1936-37 .. | 108,519 | 41,565 8 0 |
| 1937-38 ... | 101,520 | 38,994 14 0 |

**Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.**—Are the Government aware that year after year the quantity of khadi purchased by the Government is getting reduced?

**Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.**—No.

**Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.**—Is it not a fact that in 1934-35, 50 per cent of the production was purchased by the Government?

**Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.**—Yes, but apart from the purchases made by Government, a good quantity was used by the spinners and weavers in that area itself.

**Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.**—Is it because others are purchasing khadi that Government have reduced their purchases?

**Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.**—The demand from Government for the article remains the same. Because the production is now larger, the quantities purchased by Government appear to be less in proportion to the total quantity manufactured.

**Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.**—What are all the purposes for which khadi is being purchased by the Government?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Khadi cloth is supplied to members of the menial establishments attached to the various offices, and in some departments, it is used for uniforms.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Why not use khadi cloth for police uniforms?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—If it is durable, it can be used.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Has it been contended that khadi is not durable?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes, and the quality also requires to be improved.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that Badanval khadi is better than khadi produced elsewhere?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It may be. That is why the object of Government is to use it, if possible, for all purposes.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is khadi purchased for use in hospitals?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is not the linen and cotton used in the hospitals obtained from outside countries?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—No. The Industrial and Testing Laboratory supplies the cotton requirements of the medical institutions.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is not foreign cloth used in the hospitals?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—As far as possible, only *swadeshi* mill cloth is being used.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—The purchases by Government have gone down from Rs. 15,000 odd in 1934-35 to Rs. 11,580 in 1937-38. What is the reason for this fall?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Probably the prices in 1934-35 were high. Or, it might be that the quantity purchased in any particular year was more. However, subsequent to the year 1935-36, there has been a steady increase in the quantities purchsed, as could be noticed from the value of the purchases.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Out of khadi worth Rs. 45,753 produced in the State, Government are purchasing only to the extent of Rs. 11,580. But the Government's investment on cloth amounts to Rs. 38,000. So why not the Government increase their khadi purchases?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—The object of Government is to encourage khadi. But at present, it cannot be used for all purposes. So to some extent, other cloth has to be purchased.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—For what special purposes is mill cloth necessary?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—For police and military uniforms and for warm clothing.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is not a woollen section newly opened at Kolar and cannot warm clothing be obtained from there?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—They have just started the manufacture of woollen goods this year.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Is there any objection to Government servants using khadi?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—No.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Will the Government circularise their officers to encourage khadi?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—That does not arise out of the main question.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Have the activities of the Badanval Khadi Centre been extended to any other places?

The DIRECTOR of INDUSTRIES and COMMERCE (Mr. M. S. Ramchendra Rao).—Yes, two or three district boards have opened khadi centres with the help of Government grants.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Have centres been opened in any of the villages?

Mr. M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO.—Yes, in Turuvanur for example. In Kolar, there is a woollen and cotton weaving centre. The department is proposing to extend the work to four or five other centres.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—How many people are working in these centres?

Mr. M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO.—In Badanval centre alone there are about 3,000 people working.

Mr. U. L. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—While calling for tenders for the supply of the requirements of the Government under clothing, why not they specifically mention that only *swadeshi* cloth should be supplied?

Mr. M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO.—There is no need for any such stipulation because the rule is that first preference should always be given to locally manufactured articles and second preference to articles manufactured in India. It is only when both these fail that foreign made articles may be purchased.

Mr. U. L. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—What is the objection to stating that, as far as possible, *swadeshi* articles alone should be supplied?

Mr. M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO.—It may not always be possible to enforce the rule too rigidly.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—Is the Badanval centre self-supporting?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. K. KENCHAPPA.—The total value of cloth purchased by Government for all departments during 1937-38 was Rs. 38,994. Out of this, only Rs. 11,500 worth of khadi was purchased. Could not more khadi have been purchased?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—That question has already been answered.

Mr. K. KENCHAPPA.—Have not the Government stated in their "Information Bulletin" that Government are giving every possible encouragement to khadi?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—Yes, and that is also the fact. Whatever quantity of khadi is required is being purchased locally.

Mr. K. KENCHAPPA.—Out of a sum of Rs. 39,000 spent on clothing requirements of the various departments, not even a third goes towards the purchase of khadi. In the face of this, how can it be said that every possible encouragement is being given to khadi?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—As stated already, it is not possible to use khadi for all purposes. For example, for military and police uniforms, khadi may not be the most suitable cloth.

Mr. K. KENCHAPPA.—Is it the idea of Government that the kind of cloth required for the Police and Military cannot be manufactured by the local khadi centres?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—They are trying to manufacture cloth suitable for those departments also.

Mr K. KENCHAPPA.—What is the quantity of khadi cloth required for use in all the hospitals?

Mr. M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO.—Notice.

Mr. K. KENCHAPPA.—Will the Government try to purchase only khadi for all their clothing requirements hereafter?

Mr. M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO.—Yes, to the extent possible, as stated already.

Mr. G. RAJAGOPALACHAR.—On what ground do the Government think that khadi is not fit for police or military uniforms?

Mr. M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO.—That has been the experience.

Mr. G. RAJAGOPALACHAR.—Is it not possible to manufacture the required variety of cloth in the Badanval centre at all?

Mr. M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO.—As already stated, attempts are being made in that direction also.

Mr. K. MUNIVENKATAPPA.—Why is there a vast difference in texture as between foreign-made and khadi cloth?

Mr. M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO.—It is a large question and cannot adequately be dealt with during question time.

## Gangakula Graduates in the Excise Department.

*Q.*—47. Mr. A. VENKATARAMANA BOYI (Minorities).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number and the names of graduates or part graduates belonging to the *Ganyakula* community who have passed the Excise local test;

(*b*) how many such persons are employed in the Excise Department; their pay and names;

(*c*) how many Range Inspectors belong to this community: their names?